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PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS DECEMBER 1,2,3, 1976 - HERSHEY CONVENTION CENTER - HERSHEY, PA. EVERYONE WELCOME!!!

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WHAT IS THE GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS

"The Governor's Conference on Handicapped Individuals will give to the handicapped citizens of Pennsylvania the opportunity to resolve the problems they know best, because they live with them."

Governor Milton J. Shapp

TENTATIVE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Wednesday, December 1

- 12:00 — Registration
- 6:30 — Dinner
- 7:30-8:30 — Keynote Speech (Governor Milton J. Shapp)
- 8:30 — Social Mixer

Thursday, December 2

- 8:30 — Breakfast
- 9:00-12:00 — 1st Session — Development of Proposed Solutions to the Issues of Topics 1 through 13
- 12:30 — Lunch
- 1:30-4:30 — 2nd Session — Development of Proposed Solutions to the Issues of Topics 14 through 25
- 6:00 — Dinner
- 8:00 — 3rd Session — Meeting of delegates by regions to make their nominations for potential delegates to the White House Conference
- 9:15 — Social Hour

Friday, December 3

- 8:00 — Breakfast
- 9:00-12:00 — 4th Session — Completion of Solutions to Remaining Issues of Topics 1 through 25
- 12:30 — Lunch
- 1:30 — Summary Session
- 3:00 — Conference Adjourned

REGIONAL FORUMS SUCCESSFUL

Some 2000 handicapped individuals attended the 14 Regional Forums that were held across the state during the month of September. Hundreds of problems and concerns were addressed by the handicapped consumer on subjects

relating to Health, Economics, Social, Educational concerns as well as many problems that would be classified in the area of special concerns.

These concerns and problems that were presented at the regional forums are now being put together in booklet form for the State Conference. It will be at the

State Conference on December 1, 2 and 3 that we will work out the solutions and recommend ways of implementing these solutions. Resource people from state government as well as from private agencies will be in each of the 25 different topic sessions at the conference. Legislators from both the State Senate and House of Representatives and federal legislators will be present to help guide the topic meetings into meaningful ends.

NEW DIRECTOR FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

Ms Lee Rubin of Ohio has been selected as the Executive Director of the DD Council. Ms Rubin is presently the administrator of the Ohio DD office, Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, Columbus, Ohio. She has many years of experience in working in the DD field and will take over her new duties with the newly appointed Council on November 8.

AGENCY APPOINTMENT TO DD COUNCIL

Mr. Daniel Torisky
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Mr. Carl Saylor
United Cerebral Palsy of Pennsylvania
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460 Market Street
Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701

Mrs. Mary Rita Hanley
Pennsylvania Association for Children
with Learning Disabilities
217 North Hillside Drive
Exton, Pennsylvania 19341

Mrs. Patricia Clapp
Pennsylvania Association for Retarded
Citizens
1612 Branning Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235

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The Honorable John C. Pittenger
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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

The Honorable Leonard Bachman, M.D.
Secretary of Health
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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania



The Honorable Paul J. Smith
Secretary of Labor & Industry
1700 Labor & Industry Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

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Ardmore, Pennsylvania 19003

Arthur Berger, Esquire (chairperson)
McNees, Wallace & Nurick
100 Pine Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101

SYMPOSIUM ON RIGHTS OF DISABLED

Bicentennial review of the rights of handicapped people in the theme of the May-June edition of American Rehabilitation, official publication of the Rehabilitation Services Administration.

It is doubtful that any other group in American society can claim evidences over the past 200 years surpassing those achieved by handicapped people. We have come so far because this minority has had so much to gain from advances in medicine, rehabilitation, technology, education, and perhaps most importantly, social justice.

Against this backdrop, the AR symposium is a broad brush canvas of the legislative, legal, educational, and vocational endeavors that have transpired in advocacy efforts for and by

handicapped people.

American Rehabilitation is available on subscription. Requests may be addressed as follows:

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BLIND AIR TRAVELERS NOW ABLE TO BUY EQUAL FLIGHT INSURANCE

Blind persons riding commercial airliners will be able hereafter to buy as much flight insurance as sighted passengers--and at the same rates.

Tele-Trip Co., a subsidiary of Mutual of Omaha, announced yesterday that from now on, the maximum flight insurance limits for all persons, sighted or not, will be \$375,000.

The company said it is changing its policy which formerly set a maximum limit of \$225,000 flight insurance for blind persons while sighted persons could be up to \$375,000 coverage.

It said other non-written, term, travel-related plans for individuals will also be available at the same rate and without benefit restrictions on account of being blind. A company spokesman said the restriction was eliminated as a result of recently completed studies and the recent relaxation of previous restrictions on blind travellers by regulatory agencies."

James Omvig, of Des Moines, assistant to the president of the National Federation of the Blind, had complained that Mutual of Omaha allowed him to buy \$325,000 flight insurance for himself on a recent flight.

Tele-Trip operates insurance outlets in most major airports throughout North America and provides travel insurance plans through numerous travel agencies.

The Evening News, Harrisburg, Pa. - Sept. 15, 1976

THE HANDICAPPED CAN

Who can take a phone call, get the message clear?

If she cannot walk, don't assume she cannot talk --

The Handicapped can.

*Oh, the handicapped can; the handicapped can
If you try you'll understand -- and then you'll
both feel good.*

*Who can type your letters, faster than a breeze?
Wheelchair-bound or blind, at this skill I know
you'll find*

The handicapped can.

*Oh, the handicapped can -- although they may
not talk,*

*May not run or even walk -- the handicapped
can!*

Who can build a building, be an engineer?

*Even if its clear, when you speak he doesn't
hear --*

The handicapped can.

*Oh, the handicapped can; just give the guy the
plan*

Then stand back and watch the man --

The handicapped can!

*Who can solve your problems? Who can lend an
ear?*

*Though they may not see, I am sure you will
agree --*

The handicapped can

*Oh, the handicapped can; they know the things
you need*

Though they're blind, they still can lead --

The handicapped can!

Isn't it fantastic! You need expertise --

*It's right before your eyes, but it comes in a
disguise --*

THE HANDICAPPED, MAN!

*Oh, the handicapped can -- just think this
message through*

You've got work that they can do --

The handicapped can!

*Oh, when you need persistence with any job at
all --*

*There's a gal or guy, you can use if you will try
Think HANDICAPPED, man!*

*Oh, the handicapped can; 'cause they do their
work with pride*

And make you glad you ever tried

THE HANDICAPPED, can!

written by -- Zekia M. Peters
March 8, 1976

DO YOU NEED HELP?

Have You Ever Contacted Connect?

CONNECT is operating an information Service "Hotline" for residents of the Commonwealth to utilize when attempting to obtain services for handicapped children and adults, aged birth to 21. This service puts parents in contact with appropriate intermediate unit personnel for their area. The rationale for maintaining this service and

procedures surrounding its use are documented in Connect Information Service: Rationale and Procedures. This was distributed to IUs in June. A companion document, "Procedures for Responding to CONNECT Information Service Referrals" has been written to provide IU Information Managers (Child Referral Contact Persons) with alternative methods of response to the Connect referrals. The entire flow of services has been outlined to provide the IU personnel with a visual representation of the many steps that must be taken to insure the proper delivery of services to a child.

1974-76 FOLLOW-UP OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED IN PENNSYLVANIA

A Part C vocational research grant of \$16,434 and a USOE grant of \$64,203 were awarded to Venango County AVTS and The Pennsylvania State University, Institute for Research on Human Resources, to conduct a follow-up of the physically handicapped in Pennsylvania.

The main objectives are to:

1. Describe the current vocational status of the employed and unemployed physically handicapped vocational graduate in Pennsylvania from 1974 to 1976 in terms of their vocational adjustment and job satisfaction.
2. Describe the parental and employer attitudes toward physically handicapped programs.
3. Identify programs that would be beneficial to the employability for the physically handicapped.
4. Determine the cost-effectiveness ratios for various physically handicapped programs.

A sample of 1,500 physically handicapped vocational graduates from 11 intermediate units and 30 vocational schools will be interviewed during November and December 1976. Approximately 200 parents and employers of the graduates will also be interviewed at that time.

The results of the study will be available by May. For more information contact Rod Tarr, Venango County AVTS, 1 Vo-Tech Drive, Oil City, Pennsylvania 16301.

Jim Lewis
Research Coordinating Unit
for Vocational Education
Penna. Dept. of Education
Harrisburg, PA 17126

NEW BOOKS FOR PEOPLE WHO WORK WITH THE HANDICAPPED

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Physical Activities for Impaired, Disabled, and Handicapped Individuals

A compilation of physical activities for persons with a variety of handicapping conditions. Methods, equipment needs, adaptations, and

physical lay-outs are included. 1976.

1976 128pp. (245-25890) \$7.95

Aquatic Recreation For The Blind

Harry Cordellos, who is blind himself, provides a first hand account of unique problems facing visually impaired persons in aquatic activities. Emphasis is on safety first. Topics covered include diving, survival swimming, and lifesaving, small craft safety, water skiing and scuba diving.

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Adapted Physical Education Guidelines: Theory and Practices for 70's and 80's

Deals with the what, why, who, when, where and how adapted physical education in a clear perspective consistent with current directions and future trends related to education, philosophy, legislation and litigation.

HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS

Physical Education and Recreation For Cerebral Palsied Individuals

Deals with information and resources in physical education and recreation for cerebral palsied individuals. Covers such topics as nature and causes of the condition, recreational activities, music, art and dance.

1976 128pp. (245-25906) \$7.95

Physical Education, Recreation And Sports For Individuals With Hearing Impairments

Designed for both physical educators and recreational personnel with no background in dealing with hearing impaired persons, as well as those who have experience with this population but not with physical education or recreation. Includes basic information on hearing impairments, motor development, recreation, cultural arts, sports and swimming.

1976 128pp. (245-25908) \$7.95

Early Intervention for Handicapped Children Through Programs Of Physical Education And Recreation

Focuses on early intervention of handicapped children under the age of six years through active participation in physical education and recreation programs. Includes history of early intervention programs, growth and development processes of children integration of handicapped and non-handicapped pre-schoolers, and programs available.

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RESOURCES

Guide To Information System In Physical Education and Recreation For Impaired, Disabled, And Handicapped Persons

Contains details on 28 informative systems in the areas of education, special education, the sciences, physical education, recreation, and services available to disabled consumers. Complete name and address, general

service provided, and details on use of each system is also included.

1976 (245-25892) \$7.95

Annotated Listings Of Films: Physical Education and Recreation For Impaired, Disabled And Handicapped Persons.

This third edition of the guide includes 314 annotations of films and media presentations dealing with physical education, recreation sports, camping, outdoor education, and perceptual motor activities for impaired, disabled and handicapped individuals. Not just a listing of audiovisual materials, but information about specific areas. For planning conferences, conventions, classes, workshops, clinics, and seminars.

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RECREATION FOR ALL

Now that the summer vacation is over, and all the kid's are in school, let's assess the programs that were available to our kids during those grand months by virtue of our school taxes.

It is fitting that our school districts offer recreation to our children, such as tennis, band art, drama, but are all our youngsters invited to participate? Does the school board pay for football training camps, or for basketball training camps, for driver education, band camp, etc? These are all good things offered for the development of our children.

If indeed these and/or other activities are available, is the tax money also providing a recreation program for our handicapped students-a six week experience perhaps? All things being equal, the money comes from the same coffer. If you don't have a summer program, start asking for one next year NOW.

If there is a program available for your exceptional child that is privately funded or that you must pay for, ask your school board to purchase the service. Keep hounding your elected school board frequently and publicly. Remember they work for you. If these programs are afforded to normal students they can be afforded to exceptional students.

Each area is different, but if your municipality has a community recreation program, ask the municipality to pay for or provide the transportation to that program. You are the taxpayer.

Have you considered the extra curricular activities that regular students enjoy? Over \$100,000 is budgeted in many districts for extra curricular activities, and that figure does not include transportation nor resodding of athletic fields every three years to the tune of \$15,000.

Does your exceptional child have an activities bus to go with all those

extra-curricular activities.

Let's continue the biggest investment society can make in our most precious commodity--our children, all of them.

Ellen Sociliano, Chairwoman
PARC Education Committee

Reprinted from Mov'n On, Right To Education Newsletter

NEW DAY FOR THE HANDICAPPED

A new day is dawning for physically handicapped Americans as more and more of them learn of increased opportunities for them in our national parks. Of 286 acres in the National Park System, 266 are accessible to the handicapped.

For many years, some parks have had facilities for the handicapped. In 1971, an inventory was taken listing what facilities, services, and features were available to the physically impaired, with a result that a book, "National Park Guide for the Handicapped," was published. Since then the program to provide accommodations for the handicapped in the parks has gone forward.

In compliance with the provisions of the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, Public Laws 90-480, all new public-use construction and all alterations to existing public use facilities in the Park System now provide the handicapped with ready use and access. Many physical barriers to park enjoyment have been removed and numerous innovating programs and exhibits oriented toward these persons have been introduced. Particular attention is given to door widths, restroom facilities, water fountain and telephone placement, ramps, hand rails, guardrails, and path and trail surfaces. Every effort is being made to make the handicapped visitor welcome in the parks.

YMCAs CONDUCT PROGRAM FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Effective rehabilitation of physically handicapped people in which the patient is partially submerged in water is well known. However, the employment of swimming skills as an aid in the improvement of muscular coordination, vigor and general well-being in the physically handicapped, mentally retarded and emotionally disturbed persons present a relatively new and highly successful teaching technique.

The advantages of swimming are numerous. Swimming, more than any other activity, combines strength building, morale improvement, and recreation in a single pleasant experience in which most handicapped people can participate. Swimming is fun; it represents a graded series of challenges; it is physically and mentally beneficial; it provides opportunities for much needed socialization; it may be placed within the

economic reach of all who wish to participate; it teaches the important concepts of water safety. Swimming reduces the self-consciousness of members of a special population because their handicaps are less apparent in the water and their limitations are mitigated.

Following an extensive research project conducted by an ad hoc committee of the National YMCA Aquatic Program to survey and describe YMCA programs, seven proposals for programming the handicapped were developed, approved and implemented: viz.

- Developing teaching materials for training program staff.
- Establish safety standards for adaptive programs.
- Develop guidelines for the recruitment and training of volunteers.
- Establish recognition and certification programs for volunteers and professional staff.
- Develop a skill achievement program especially for the handicapped.
- Maintain accurate records on existing programs.
- Develop suggestions for funding and budgeting.

A recent survey of YMCAs in Pennsylvania indicates that some twenty-two YMCAs across the state have programs for the special population individuals. They vary from recreative to rehabilitative, swimming instruction and water safety. In all cases both sexes are participating in the program. Although many programs are for youth, many adults do participate. Most are conducted on one session per week throughout the program year, October through May. Other agencies cooperating with the YMCA conducting these programs are Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, American Red Cross, public schools, Pennsylvania Association of Retarded Children, Pennsylvania Easter Seal Society, sheltered workshops, Crippled Childrens Association, Mental Health and Mental Retardation Commission, both local and state.

Some of the programs conducted are the National YMCA Progressive Swim Program, beginning with the Junior Water Bug. This involves twenty skills in getting adjusted to the water. The next progression is to the Water Bug program. Should the individual desire to participate in the National YMCA Progressive Swimming Program, he would require skills in Polliwog, Tadpole, Minnow, Fish, Flying Fish, Shark, and Porpoise programs. Many of the program participants compete in the State Olympics.

Some programs are rehabilitative: Kimberly, age ten, is a victim of cerebral palsey. She has scoliosis, is totally deaf, wears leg and body braces. She attended the Home of the Merciful Saviour School in Philadelphia for three years. While there, she received intensive speech,

physical and occupational therapy. Kimberly has been coming to the YMCA for approximately one year. It is only in the water that she has some movement control without the braces. The primary objective of the hydrotherapy is to retard the loss of maneuverability and muscle control. Without this regular routine, deterioration would be rapid.

William, age six, is afflicted with arthritis. He has undergone three hip operations; the first one in 1968 and two in 1971. When he began attending the YMCA in 1971, he was able to walk only with the aid of two canes or a walker. He came to the Y on doctors' recommendation for hydrotherapy. He began swimming one-half the pool's length. He attended five days a week, by 1975 was swimming one-third of a mile (twenty-four pool lengths) and was a member of a distant swimming club. He was awarded the fifty mile patch and has currently swum 103 miles. He is now able to walk with the aid of one cane. In his own words, "The YMCA keeps me going."

Jeff, age seven, was in an automobile accident which left him with a broken neck vertebrae. He was unable to walk or talk for one year. His left side was completely paralyzed. Jeff has been with the Y approximately one year. He found, in one of our Junior Aquatic Leaders, the confidence he needed; confidence that has enabled him to swim on his back without any assistance or flotation devices. When he swims on his front with the aid of flotation devices, he is now moving the arm which was paralyzed and has been advanced to a regular swimming class.

Self-achievement and self-confidence are expected outcomes of the YMCA Swim programs for handicapped. A polio victim completed the YMCA Progressive Program and satisfied requirements for achieving Eagle Scout recognition.

YMCAs responding to my survey and conducting programs for the special population members are: Altoona; Chambersburg; Clearfield; Easton; Erie, Glenwood Branch; Harrisburg, Central Branch; Indiana; Johnstown; Lansdale; Philadelphia, Main Line, Reed House Branches; Pittsburgh, North Boroughs Branch; Pittston; Pottstown; Tarentum; Tyrone; Uniontown; Upper Bucks; Waynesboro; West Chester; Williamsport; and York.

"We're in the People Business" is a theme the YMCA uses. Should you be interested in participating in a program for the handicapped in a YMCA near you, contact the Executive Director. One YMCA program of this type has been successfully ongoing for fifty years. Other YMCAs may be waiting for an expressed need to spark its inception.

Carl W. Klischer
Region Associate
Middle Atlantic Region
National Council of YMCAs

ACCESS TO THE NEW NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM

by Sharon Strzalkowski

The National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institution will complete its work this summer on providing access for handicapped people to its exhibits so that the operation of the new program can begin in early September. To call this effort a new program is somewhat inaccurate, for it is designed primarily to aid handicapped people in equal participation in the various activities already underway in the museum. Independent enjoyment of the exhibits whenever possible is the goal of this program. To this end, some innovative approaches are being used.

Making the exhibits accessible to deaf people provides a good example of this independence-oriented philosophy. While interpreters will be provided for lectures and films being shown only once, the texts of the standard audiovisual productions will be provided with photographic annotations in the margins to enable easy coordination of the reading with the presentation on the screen. Large print texts will be used to compensate for the dim lighting needed in these productions. Arrangements for an interpreter must be made at least two weeks in advance.

Physical accessibility for those in wheelchairs is another area of concern to the National Air and Space Museum planners. First, and most important, it should be mentioned that the building itself is accessible through the entrance on 6th Street and Independence Avenue. A limited number of wheelchairs will be available at all times for visitors, as well as volunteers if attendant assistance is needed. The exhibits themselves will be accessible through the use of convex and concave mirrors placed on wheelchair arms so that exhibits of some height can be seen easily by those with a limited capacity for head movement. These steps toward accessibility have been inspected and approved by the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

For the enjoyment of the museum's exhibits by blind and partially sighted people, planners have produced cassette recordings that explain each particular gallery, providing the information found on the printed labels and captions and including sounds made by the various space aircraft. Raised-line diagrams will supplement the descriptions given on the cassettes. Large print, Braille, and recorded museum brochures will be provided, and Braille and recorded literature about the museum can be purchased, as well as some of the diagrams of the exhibits.

The adaptations for handicapped people will encourage visitors to enjoy

the topical tours offered throughout the museum. Group tours for children or adults will be provided with two weeks' notice and the volunteer guides will be trained in dealing with the problems of different handicapping conditions.

Forty museum rovers will be present at all times to assist those touring independently or in a group of nonhandicapped people. The museum will be open to the public on July 4, 1976, but group tours will not be given until September 15th. Because the effort in accessibility for handicapped people in this museum will be seen as a model program for the rest of the Smithsonian Institution, comments from handicapped visitors are welcomed. They should be directed to Harold Sneider, Room 3566, National Air and Space Museum, telephone (202) 381-4166.

Reorganization of Developmental Disabilities Council by Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Governor's Executive Order of September 30 Promises To Streamline The Council For More Effective Operation.

Excerpts From Developmental Disabilities Planning Operation

The Developmentally Disabled Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (P.L. 94-103) amended substantially the earlier enacted statute under which the Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advisory Council was established in 1971. This act calls for the creation of a state planning council to provide leadership in the improvement and coordination of services to persons with developmental disabilities.

To further advance the policies of previous Executive Orders aimed at developing within the Commonwealth an effective and efficient system of services and advocacy for persons with developmental disabilities and to fulfill to the maximum extent practicable the goals of the Developmentally Disabled Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, there is hereby established within the Office of the Governor, a Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (hereinafter the Council").

1. COUNCIL FUNCTION

The mandate of the Council is to carry out the duties of a state planning council specified in 42 United States Code Section 6067, to plan a statewide protection and advocacy system for the developmentally disabled and to advise the Governor on all matters affecting developmentally disabled persons in the Commonwealth.

2. COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL

a. The Developmentally Disabilities Planning Council shall be composed of the Secretary of Public Welfare, the

Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Health, and the Secretary of Labor and Industry, or their designated program deputies, and eleven other members to be appointed by the Governor, including a representative of Pennsylvania county commissioners.

b. At least five of the members who are not department heads or their designated program deputies shall be persons with a developmental disability or other persons who qualify as consumers pursuant to 42 United States Code Section 6067.

c. Five members who are not department heads or their designated deputies shall be representatives from groups or organizations concerned with persons who possess developmental disabilities.

d. The initial appointment of members shall be four members for four years, four members for three years, and three members for two years. Upon the expiration of the term of an appointive member, the successor shall be appointed for a term of four years.

e. The Governor shall from time to time appoint a Chairperson of the Council who shall serve for one year and may be reappointed at the pleasure of the Governor.

3. REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCILS

a. The council shall establish not more than four regional advisory councils to maximize local involvement in the planning, policy, development, and implementation of the developmental disabilities program.

b. Members of the regional advisory councils shall be appointed by the Governor after receiving recommendations from the Chairperson of the Council. Persons recommended by the Chairperson shall be residents of the region with which the regional advisory council is concerned, who are persons with developmental disabilities or who

have demonstrated an interest in advocacy on behalf of persons with developmental disabilities including members of the General Assembly, leaders in local government, institutions of higher education, and private organizations.

c. The regional advisory councils shall conduct meetings and other business in accordance with procedures developed by the Council.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE AND RESCISSION

This Executive Order shall be effective on September 30, 1976. Executive Order 1973-10, as amended on May 7, 1974, is rescinded, and the Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advisory Council established thereunder is hereby abolished.

VOC-ED 1976-1977

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov. 3-4-5, 1976

Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania-Delaware Chapter American Association of Workers for the Blind William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh
Anyone wanting information concerning this conference should contact
Leroy J. Battwy,
President Elect
The Greater Pittsburgh Guild for the Blind
311 Station Street
Bridgeville, Pa. 15017

Nov. 12-13, 1976

Allegheny County Chapter P.A.C.L.D. Conference

Nov. 15-17, 1976

Three Day Seminar for Personnel Office Interviewers
Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Center in Johnstown, Pa.

Dec. 1-2-3, 1976

Governor's Conference on Handicapped Individuals
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Contact Mr. John Snyder
Governor's Advocate for the Physically Handicapped
Phone: (717) 787-8348

December 6-8, 1976

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December 9, 1976

State Task Force on Right of Education Meeting
Agriculture Building
Room 309
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

January 20, 1977

State Task Force on Right of Education Meeting
1st Floor Library
Allegheny I.U. #3 Office
Suite 1300
Two Allegheny Center
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

February 7-9, 1977

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Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Center in Johnstown, Pa.

March 3, 1977

State Task Force on Right to Education Meeting
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Room 812
Commonwealth Avenue & Forster Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

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